

Correspondence and Postal Reports.

AT DOWIE'S MEETINGS.

Well, "the mercy of the Lord endureth forever, and his loving kindness to all generations," and "He shall heal them" applies not alone to the Apostolic church, but to all generations where the Apostolic faith obtains.

Now, I had heard of Dr. Dowie, of Chicago, several months ago. I determined to hear the man for myself, and see for myself, and with my own eyes. Accordingly on the first week in April, I wended my way in company with Brother H. Myers to Chicago to visit Brother Harrison and family and to see our little friend Homer, whom I found suffering much less than I had expected. Although, (speaking from a human standpoint) our little friend would be considered as in a most precarious condition, yet with perfect faith in the promises of God he was resting easy and enjoying a good appetite; and, upon the whole, there are signs of improvement. And we know that our Heavenly Father pitieth his children, and heareth them in their distress.

We were told that Dr. Dowie had been an instrument through whose preaching and prayers many have been healed in Chicago. Certainly he is a fearless preacher and calls sin by its right name—hit who it may. His theology is simple i. e., He who will heal the soul can and will heal the body. And that it is not God's pleasure that his children should be sick. Whatever opinion may obtain among Christians on this point, the fact still remains that sin is in many cases the sole cause of sickness and affliction.

We may assume, upon the premises afforded in John ix, 1-4, that this theory will not in all cases hold good. Certainly blindness is an affliction i. e., disease. "Who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "neither hath this man sinned, *emarten*, nor his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. The word here translated sinned *emarten* i. e., "went wrong" "failed" may have, and probably does have a tropical meaning, i. e., this man nor his parents were not greater sinners than all others of his day. No special sin is attributable to him, or them as the immediate cause of his blindness, *alm ina phanerothe*, but in him shall be manifested the works of God. "I must work while it is day." "I am the light of the world." (verses 4, 5.)

All men are sinners, but it does not follow that all become blind physically, yet there are many blind.

But why reason vainly upon the deep things of God, and these signs shall follow them. They shall take up serpents; if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them. They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover. Mark xvi, 18; Acts v,

16; Mark vi, 13; Acts viii, 7; xvii, 18; xix, 12; and James v, 14, 15.

We had the pleasure of listening to two sermons from the doctor, and also of witnessing the tear stained upturned faces of over two hundred sick and penitent people seeking to be healed of divers diseases. My heart went out in gratitude to God for the precious promises of the Bible which are everything to these poor souls that human hands and human remedies cannot reach, and human sympathy cannot condole. But God can heal; be of good cheer. "He will heal his people," have faith.

Now this is no new thing under the sun. I think many of our brethren can testify to answers to prayers and Divine healings. I, myself may give you the history of one case in the near future. James was not dealing with vagaries, nor divine limitations when he penned his epistle 60 years A. D. "The prayer of faith shall save the sick."

Dr. Dowie's preaching is plain, practical and logical. Just the kind that begets faith. He is scholarly, and bold, evidently a man of refinement. Chicago would be a better city, morally, if it contained 10,000 such preachers all engaged in the conscientious preaching of the literal word to a literal people, setting forth the word of God to a spiritual or physical man and his promises to heal a spiritually and physically afflicted fallen race. So must it be.

We had a pleasant visit with Bro. and Sister Harrison, and left them in good spirits. Although the sore affliction of their son is a great burden, and in many ways affects their work of conducting the publishing interests. But let us bear each other's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. Rather than find fault, let us pray for them, "in faith believing."

J. O. TALLEY.

HOLSINGER CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—Since my last report we have not fared very well all around. Our daughter Lottie, whose address is Michigan Bar, Amador Co., Cal., took very sick about the middle of March, so that we felt that she needed her mother's care. Accordingly she went to her assistance, and in a few weeks Lottie was out of danger; but still it had been decided that Sister H. shall remain with her until Lottie will be her usual self which I hope will be soon. Since writing the above and several pages more I have received word that Harold Holsinger was born, April 29, and that mother and son are doing well. That is good enough for one day, and my widowhood may be hopefully short.

For a while I fared pretty well, as Sister Slotter, who, as EVANGELIST readers will remember, came to Rosena, Cal., for her health, presided over my home to my perfect satisfaction. I hereby certify to her capabilities as an industrious, tidy housekeeper, even under unfavorable circumstances. But now she has left also, intending to visit

Covina, Pasadena, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and possibly other places, before returning east. So now I'm entirely alone.

Bro. Ross Miller, of Millersburg, Ia., also came to our house, about the middle of March, partly for his health, and partly from other considerations. He has found employment and left, so that the hospital is now almost empty.

At the earnest solicitations of a number of the members "up north" I attended the California State Conference, April 5, 6 and 7, at Lathrop. The Brethren's kindness at Lathrop, and Bro. Ross J. Miller's service as Assistant P. M. and ticket agent, made it possible for me to attend Conference. I had consented to hold a protracted meeting at Turlock, to which Sister Lizzie Wolfe refers in a late paper, but on condition that my substitutes at home would excuse me long enough, which they declined to do, and so that project failed. I preached at Lathrop over conference Sunday, and being so near, visited Lottie and her mother. Thence to San Francisco to get my excursion ticket endorsed and use the ticket of admission to the Mid-Winter Fair, were attached as coupons. I'll not attempt to tell what I saw and heard, though I did not see half what I wanted to see. I took a fearful cold, and was sick otherwise. As I could not enjoy the Fair, I turned homeward Saturday 9.00 a. m. I took additional cold in the cars that night. I stopped at Los Angeles only long enough to change cars, and reached home at 11.15 a. m. Sunday quite sick. This I regretted all the more because Bro. P. A. Garman was holding meetings at Rosena. From Tuesday evening on I was able to attend and enjoy the meetings. He continued to preach the Word each evening over two Sundays and closed with a full house. Bro. Garman preaches with power and acceptability. Many good impressions were made. Two ladies were baptized, in our beautiful fountain, in the center of town. One of them was Mrs. D. W. Albaugh, formerly of the Albaugh House, Chicago, and a daughter of Dr. Shellenberger, of Covington, Ohio. The other was Miss Alice Slotter, referred to above. So I can give her another certificate, this one for piety, devotion and obedience to God's Word. She greatly endeared herself to the people of our little community. The Lord bless Sister Alice. Sister Albaugh resides here and is one of our substantial members and citizens.

Bro. Garman left on Tuesday evening, May 1st, for Covina, where we think he will hold some meetings before going North and East. Had he continued another week, there is no telling what the result might have been.

How about California? Well, we are not doing much talking for which we are willing to pay. This is an off year in Cal. It is very dry. The mountain streams are drying up, and if there will be no more rain and snow in the mountains to fill up the streams, there may be much suffering and loss of horses and cattle, and of trees set out this season.

All the people of Rosena are in usual health except myself. Our Sunday school is prospering, and our prayer-meeting is well attended. Bro. John Nicholson is the pastor and superintendent. I may have something to say about the conference in my next.

H. R. HOLSINGER.

Rosena, Cal., May 3.

CALIFORNIA STATE CONFERENCE

Of the Brethren church met in Lathrop, April 5th, 6th and 7th, 1894. Meeting was called to order by Elder J. P. Wolfe, vice moderator of 1893.

The following officers were elected: Moderator, H. R. Holsinger; Vice, C. E. Doty; Sec., H. E. Wolfe; As't, B. G. Frederick; Treas., J. H. Gardner. Delegates from the different churches were enrolled as follows: Lathrop church, B. G. Frederick, Lutie Reynolds and H. E. Wolfe; Turlock church, Columbus Ronk and J. H. Gardner; West Side church, Hannah E. Beer, T. S. Gordon and C. E. Doty; Rosena church, H. R. Holsinger; Altamont church, J. W. Beer, Sisters Christensen and Hausen. Committee on committees as follows was elected: J. P. Wolfe, Sisters Lutie Reynolds and Sister L. Hanson. Committee on committees report as follows: Committee on revision of programme, J. W. Beer, C. E. Doty and Sister L. Hausen.

Committee on resolutions, B. G. Frederick, Sisters Lutie Reynolds and Lizzie Wolfe. Reports of moderator secretary and treasurer of last conference were read and accepted. Report of the president of State Board of Evangelism was read, accepted and ordered placed on record. Report of secretary of Evangelism was read, accepted and ordered placed on record. Report of State Treasurer of Evangelism was read and accepted as follows:

Balance on hand April 1st, 1893,	\$122.95
Received during the year,	158.46
Total,	281.41
Paid to State Evangelist per orders,	275.00
Balance on hand April 5th, '94	6.41

Report of Z. H. Copp, State Evangelist was made and accepted as follows: Protracted efforts were made at the following points: Turlock, sermons, 14; prayer meetings, 2; baptisms, 3; East Union, sermons, 19; baptism, 1; S. S. organized, 1; Vernalis, sermons, 18; baptisms, 16; S. S. organized, 1; Lathrop, sermons, 17; no additions: Ripon, sermons, 8; no additions: Altamont, sermons, 18; communion, 1; Vernalis, sermons, 20; communion, 1; Total no. of sermons, 168; song services, 86; baptisms, 21; Sunday-schools organized, 3; communions, 3. Total collections, \$65.40; Total expenditures, \$83.00. Board of Evangelism elected for this year are J. P. Wolfe, J. W. Beer, B. G. Frederick, C. Ronk and H. E. Wolfe.

Some very interesting and instructive papers were read and discussed by the following members: J. W. Beer, H. R. Holsinger, B. G. Frederick, J. P. Wolfe, D. W. Ronk and sis-